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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 2, 2003, entry of this response is respectfully requested:

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 8, 10-17, 21, 23-27, 31, 33-37, 41, 43-47, 51, and 53-55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Garrity et al, U.S. Patent Number 6,230,205.

Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Finally, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. The teaching or suggestion to make the claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art, and not based on applicant's disclosure. *In re Vaeck*, 947 F.2d 488, 20 USPQ2d 1438 (Fed. Cir. 1991). See MPEP § 2143 - § 2143.03 for decisions pertinent to each of these criteria.